

REMARKS

Examiner Williams is thanked for the courtesy extended during the Office Interview on March 18, 2009.

The Interview Summary is believed to accurately reflect what was discussed during the Interview.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 1, 3 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilinger (U.S. Publication Patent Application No. 2003/0089556) in view of Jeon (U.S. Patent No. 5,500,792), the rejection of Claim 2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilinger '556 in view of Jeon '792 and further in view of Okamura (U.S. Patent No. 6,462,512) and the rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilinger '556 in view of Jeon '792 and further in view of Ito (U.S. Patent No. 5,886,527), is hereby requested.

As stated in the Interview Summary, "Applicant discussed and proposed some amendments to the claims which seem to overcome the present prior art, but once submitted would required further search and/or consideration". Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 2 and further amendment including the phrase "resulting in an approximately constant torque being applied by the electric motor", support for which is found in the Specification at paragraph [0006]. Thus, Applicants submit that the amendments to Claim 1 overcome the above rejections and place Claim 1 in condition for allowance, and such is respectfully requested.

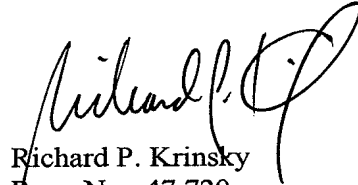
Claim 2 is cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Claims 3-5 depend from Claim 1 and are considered to be allowable for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 and for their own limitations as well, and such is respectfully requested.

In view of the above, Claims 1 and 3-5 and the application are considered to be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (41781/44564).

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosures: Amendments to and Listing of the Claims

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